

Salem, Monday, Oct. 18, 1858.

197 Dear Wife—I believe I wrote to you that, before leaving Boston, I wrote to Mr. McIntosh, at Allegheny, Pa., saying that I would lecture either in that place or in Pittsburgh, (connected by a bridge,) or in both, on my way through to this town, if he wished me to; requesting him to send me word to West Chester, Pa. As I got no tidings from him at W. C., and was rendered quite incapable of public speaking thro' hoarseness, I did not stop at Pittsburgh, supposing no appointment had been made. Saturday, Marius R. Robinson ~~had~~ received a letter from Mr. McIntosh, inquiring after me, saying that he wrote two letters to me, directed to West Chester, ^{and} ~~saying~~ that a hall was engaged for me on one of the evenings I had specified. It seems an audience of fifteen hundred persons gathered to hear me lecture, and gathered in vain— notwithstanding the Republicans were holding a jubilee

meeting over their recent political victory.

The disappointment, as you may suppose, was very great, and an expense thrown upon Mr. McIntosh, and perhaps one or two others, of seventeen dollars. I am very sorry it so turned out.

The anniversary of the Ohio A. S. Society commenced here in the town hall on Saturday forenoon. It is usually held about the first of September, in order to accommodate the farmers; and our friends feared that, in consequence of the lateness of the season, the attendance would be greatly diminished. Six meetings have already been ~~made~~^{held} all crowded to overflowing, many unable to obtain an entrance, and a most refreshing occasion it has been. A fine magnetic spirit has seemed to pervade all hearts, and a very hopeful feeling awakened in all breasts. The proceedings have elicited lively demonstrations of satisfaction; our standard has been kept erect; disunionism has been

enforced with all fidelity, and the religion
of the land exposed in all its corruption; but
there has been no availing — not a single
note of disapprobation. I have spoken five
times, and find myself in better voice than
when I began. Miss Watkins has spoken
twice, to great acceptance. Dr. Brooks
has also spoken, and Marius R. Robinson,
and Josephine Griffin; but the speaking has
chiefly devolved upon me. We shall have one,
perhaps two more sessions to-day. The weath-
er has been perfect throughout — clear, bright,
and lovely as possible, and the moon has shone
brilliantly each evening. Nothing in this par-
ticular could be more delightful, and all
hearts are made glad. Delegates are here
from a wide range of towns, and from va-
rious States. I have received the warmest wel-
come, on all hands, and many are the appli-
cations made to me to visit various places,
and lecture to the people; and great is the
regret to find that I am not to remain

longer in this State. To-morrow I shall go to Cleveland, and lecture there on Wednesday evening, arrangements having been made for that purpose. On Thursday I shall proceed to Rochester, where I hope to receive another letter from you.

I was pleasantly surprised ~~to~~ to see Mary Ann Johnson come into our first meeting, and was hoping to see Oliver behind her. She is on a visit to friends in ~~Cambridge~~ Canton, and is looking very well.

I am very glad that I brought with me the daguerreotypes of yourself and the children, as many of the friends have felt great satisfaction in looking at them.

I received a letter from William, stating that George was determined to go to Lawrence, Kansas, and that he had forwarded \$50 to him. Willie is a noble boy, and loving and true to his brothers. I wish George would return home, but he must decide for himself. Kisses for Fanny and Franky. Adieu, love! W. L. G.